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occur at Canton, but any report from Canton regarding sanitary conditions is not much more than guesswork.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERR,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,

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## COLOMBIA.

## Reports from Bocas del Toro-Fruit port.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, October 30, 1901.

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended October 29, 1901:

Population according to census not obtainable. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, 3 cases, no deaths; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 4. Prevailing diseases, malarial fever and smallpox, as stated above. Of the 4 deaths reported above from other causes, 1 was from convulsions, 1 tuberculosis, 1 chronic malaria, and 1 cause unknown. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, fairly good, except as stated above.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: October 23, steamship *Harald*; crew, 19; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. October 26, steamship *Colombia*; crew, 19; passengers from this port, 1; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, 2; steamship *Simon Dumois*; crew, 15; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

PAUL OSTERHOUT, Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Steamers resume the carriage of passengers from Bocas del Toro to Mobile.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, October 30, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the quarantine board of Mobile Bay has recalled their representative at this port. Dr. Chas. S. Carter, who represented the above-mentioned board, sailed for Mobile October 26, 1901.

I was informed this morning by the fruit companies that their steamers will begin carrying passengers from this date.

Respectfully,

PAUL OSTERHOUT, Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Smallpox at Bocas del Toro.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, October 30, 1901.

SIR: I have to report the existence of some cases of smallpox in this port, as follows: One recovered, 2 convalescent, and 1 still sick.